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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 68/24, the General Assembly, having taken note of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean (A/68/29), requested the Chair of the Committee to continue his informal consultations with the members of the Committee and to report through the Committee to the Assembly at its seventieth session.

2. Pursuant to that resolution, the Committee held its formal session (456th meeting) on 6 July 2015 at United Nations Headquarters. The Chair also held a number of consultations and meetings during 2015.

3. At the 456th meeting, the following delegations made statements in the general discussion under agenda item 4: [to be completed]

4. The Committee is composed of the following States:

(a) 43 members:

Australia	India
Bangladesh	Indonesia
Bulgaria	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Canada	Iraq
China	Italy
Djibouti	Japan
Egypt	Kenya
Ethiopia	Liberia
Germany	Madagascar
Greece	Malaysia

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Maldives	Singapore
Mauritius	Somalia
Mozambique	Sri Lanka
Netherlands	Sudan
Norway	Thailand
Oman	Uganda
Pakistan	United Arab Emirates
Panama	United Republic of Tanzania
Poland	Yemen
Romania	Zambia
Russian Federation	Zimbabwe
Seychelles	

(b) Observers:

Nepal

South Africa

Sweden

5. Following elections to fill vacancies in the Bureau, the officers of the Committee were as follows:

Chair:
Amrith Rohan Perera (Sri Lanka)

Vice-Chairs:
Darren Hansen (Australia)
Ary Aprianto (Indonesia)
Bernardo Serage (Mozambique)

Rapporteur:
Héléna Bernadette Rajaonarivelo (Madagascar)

II. Work of the Committee in 2015

A. Adoption of the agenda

6. At its 456th meeting, the Committee adopted the agenda as contained in document A/AC.159/L.145, which read as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.

3. Adoption of the agenda.

4. Report of the Chair of the Committee pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 68/24.

5. Adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its seventieth session.

6. Other matters.

B. Report of the Chair

7. At its 456th meeting, the Committee considered agenda item 4, concerning the report of the Chair of the Committee pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 68/24. The Chair made the following comprehensive statement on his consultations:

[to be completed]

8. During the meeting, an exchange of views was held on, among other things, the work of the Committee.

9. The Committee reaffirmed the conclusions that it had reached during its 1994, 1995 and 1996 sessions and emphasized the need to foster consensual, step-by-step approaches, in particular given the propitious international climate, which was conducive to the pursuit of such endeavours. The Committee reaffirmed its commitment to the realization of the goals of peace, security and stability in the Indian Ocean region.

10. The Committee remained convinced that the participation of all permanent members of the Security Council and the major maritime users in the work of the Committee was important and would assist the progress of a mutually beneficial dialogue aimed at developing conditions of peace, security and stability in the region.

C. Recommendations

11. The Chair was requested to continue informal consultations with the members of the Committee and to report through the Committee to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session.

D. Adoption of the report of the Committee

12. At the 456th meeting, the Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Committee.

13. At the same meeting, the Chair informed the members of the Committee of his intention to hold informal consultations concerning the text of the draft resolution to be submitted to the General Assembly at its seventieth session.

14. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted its report.